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Lecturers denounce Israeli actions

TEL AVIV (R) — More than 200 Israeli university lecturers have signed a petition denouncing the government for its purge of West Bank university teachers, one of the organisers said Sunday. The petition calls on the government to withdraw its demand that foreign teachers in three Palestinian universities sign a pledge not to support the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). So far 19 teachers have been deported for refusing to sign the oath. Many more are threatened with expulsion when their work permits expire unless they make the pledge. Professor Henry Rosenfeld, of Haifa, said the petition began circulating before U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz called on Israeli academics to speak out last Thursday.

Pentagon team arrives in Israel

TEL AVIV (R) — A high-level delegation from the Pentagon in Washington arrived in Israel Sunday to discuss with Israeli counterparts the lessons to be learned from the use of American and Soviet-made equipment during the invasion of Lebanon. The five-member delegation is headed by Andrew Marshall, the U.S. Defence Establishment's Assessment Director. Israeli Defence Ministry sources said the talks were aimed at reaching agreement between the U.S. and Israeli Defence Ministries on the flow of information about the performance of U.S. and Israeli-made equipment in battle against Soviet equipment including tanks, surface to air missiles and Soviet MiG fighter planes.

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Hussein congratulates Lebanon

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Sunday sent a cable of good wishes to Lebanon's President Amin Gemayel on the anniversary of Lebanon's Independence Day. In his cable, King Hussein said that Lebanon under its wise and courageous and enlightened leadership is capable of overcoming all challenges, and will come out victorious to pursue its role along-side the Arab states at the regional and international level. In his cable, King Hussein wished President Gemayel success in the leadership of his people towards stability, further progress and prosperity.

Arafat plans to visit Cairo

CAIRO (R) — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat plans to visit Egypt as part of a tour of Arab states, a PLO official said Sunday. The official, Ahmed Dajani, a member of the PLO executive committee in charge of Euro-Arab dialogue affairs, told reporters no dates had been set for the tour. Mr. Arafat's planned visit reflects a rapid improvement in Egyptian relations with the PLO since Israel invaded Lebanon last June. The PLO broke its links with Egypt, as did most Arab states, when Cairo signed the Camp David separate peace agreements with Israel in 1979.

1 woman soldier wounded in Tel Aviv explosion

TEL AVIV (R) — A woman soldier was slightly wounded Sunday when a time bomb exploded at a bus stop near Tel Aviv's north railway station, police said. A number of Arabs in the area were detained for questioning but later released, the police said.

Iran is said to have captured non-Iraqi POWs

LAGOS (R) — Iran is holding a Nigerian and some Somalis, Lebanese and Sudanese captured fighting with the Iraqi army in the Gulf war, the government-owned New Nigerian newspaper reported Sunday. The newspaper quoted the Nigerian ambassador to Tehran, Alhaji H.B. Musa, as saying the Nigerian claimed he had been conscripted into the Iraqi army after overstaying his residence visa. Alhaji Musa said the Nigerian, named as Abdullahi Imam Olarewaju, told him he had been a student of Arabic literature in Baghdad and had been sent to the front after 15 days military training following his conscription. The ambassador said he had been told by the Iranian Foreign Ministry that Mr. Olarewaju would be repatriated on his release but no date had been set.

Israelis say gas leak caused tyre blast

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — The Israeli army headquarters in South Lebanon which exploded last week killing 89 people blew up because of a gas leak not sabotage, a Defence Ministry board of inquiry said Sunday. The investigation committee's report, which was laid before the Israeli cabinet at its regular weekly session Sunday, said there were no signs of a high explosive blast. All indications were of an explosion caused by leaking cooking gas cylinders. The committee, consisting of experts and representatives of the services housed in the seven-story building in the Lebanese town of Tyre, also found that the building had been erected without proper construction standards and without proper supervision. The foundations had been laid for a four-storey structure and had not been strengthened when another three-storeys were added. The building, which had at one time housed Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) offices, had also been damaged by shelling from the sea, the report said.

Militiamen challenge Gemayel government

BAALBEK, Lebanon (R) — About 500 well-armed militiamen, calling for an "Islamic government" in Lebanon, stormed the local government building and took control of the centre of this eastern Lebanese town Sunday.

In the first major challenge to the central authority of the new government under President Amin Gemayel, the local Shi'ite Muslim militiamen, warned Lebanese army forces in the area to stay in their barracks. Syrian troops, which generally control the area, remained at road blocks outside the city centre. The militiamen fired a few shots in the air as they moved into the building on "Ayatollah Khomeini Square" but there were no casualties. The rebels said their immediate aim was to prevent local celebration of Lebanon's Independence Day on Monday. They tore down all Lebanese flags in the area and painted slogans against Lebanese President Amin Gemayel, against Israel, and in support of Iranian Islamic revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. Carrying automatic rifles, pistols and Soviet-made grenade launchers, they took the two-storey stone building at 6.30 a.m. (0530 GMT), when there were about half-a-dozen gendarmes, armed with pistols, inside. The militiamen allowed the gendarmes to keep their weapons and eventually vacated the building in the afternoon, while maintaining control of the square outside and going back in at will. Local residents said they thought the rebels belonged to the Shi'ite Muslim paramilitary organisation Amal. The militiamen, stopping cars at checkpoints throughout the old town centre, said they intended to keep control indefinitely but certainly until Monday to prevent anyone from celebrating Independence Day. Meanwhile residents moved normally about the area where many shops and markets were open, and there was no doubt most of the armed men, including teenagers, were known locally. Although several hundred Iranian Revolutionary Guards are in Baalbek after arriving earlier this year "to support the fight against Israel," the militiamen said there were no Iranians among their group.

Iraqi-Jordanian Land Transport Company profits JD 3 million

AMMAN (Petra) — The Joint Iraqi-Jordanian Land Transport Company made a net profit of JD 3 million since its establishment two years ago, according to Iraqi Minister of Transport and Communications Abdul Jabbar Al Assadi. Speaking at a press conference here after talks with Jordanian government officials, Mr. Assadi said that the company has a registered capital of JD 15 million, only half of which paid up. According to Mr. Assadi, the company is allocating part of its profits for establishing a school in southern Jordan for raising the social standard of its population. The company, he said, is playing a major role in transporting Iraqi-imported goods from Aqaba to Iraq. Mr. Assadi described the Arab Air Cargo Company (AAC), a joint Iraqi-Jordanian venture, as one of the fruits of cooperation between the two countries. Asked about new joint projects, Mr. Assadi said a Jordanian-Iraqi company for industry will be established soon and the two countries will start broadcasting joint radio programmes prepared by the two countries. The Iraqi delegation also called at the headquarters of the Arab Air Cargo company and was briefed by its Director General Salah Hussein on the company's programmes. The company, established in 1981, has a JD 20 million capital shared equally between the Iraqi and Jordanian governments. Also on Sunday, Mr. Assadi held a meeting with Ali, the Royal Jordanian Airline chairman Ali Ghandour to discuss the work of the Arab Air Cargo company. The Iraqi delegation also called at the headquarters of the Arab Air Cargo company and was briefed by its Director General Salah Hussein on the company's programmes. The company, established in 1981, has a JD 20 million capital shared equally between the Iraqi and Jordanian governments. Also on Sunday, Mr. Assadi held a meeting with Ali, the Royal Jordanian Airline chairman Ali Ghandour to discuss the work of the Arab Air Cargo company.

'You must stop this horrible massacre', Draper told Sharon

TEL AVIV (R) — U.S. envoy Morris Draper blamed Israel for the "horrible massacre" in the Sabra and Shatila camps and appealed for the authorities to halt the slaughter. An Israeli official told an inquiry here Sunday. Bruce Kashdan, Israeli Foreign Ministry liaison officer in Beirut, said Mr. Draper asked him to transmit to Israeli Defence Minister Ariel Sharon the following message: "You must stop this horrible massacre. I have an officer in the camps who is counting bodies. The situation is terrible. They are killing children. You should be ashamed. You have absolute control of the area and you are therefore responsible for what is happening there." Mr. Kashdan said the message from Mr. Draper, on Saturday morning Sept. 18, was the first word he had of a massacre in the camps. Christian Falangist forces were sent into the camps on the Thursday afternoon and the killings are now known to have begun on the Thursday night. Western diplomats said more than 300 Palestinians were killed. Moshe Chevroni, a lieutenant-colonel in military intelligence, has told the inquiry that he was awakened at dawn on Sept. 17 with reports that 300 had been killed. The Foreign Ministry representative said he had no direct contact with the defence minister and therefore passed Mr. Draper's message, like all similar messages, to the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem.

Moderates want talks with Qadhafi to break OAU deadlock

TRIPOLI (R) — Moderate African leaders have sought a meeting with Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi to break a deadlock over Chadian representation which threatens the opening on Tuesday of an Organisation of African Unity (OAU) summit. African diplomatic sources said Sunday. They said the heads of state would press the Libyan leader to drop objections to the seating of a delegation from the new Chadian government of Hissene Habre, an issue which has led to the breakdown of advance OAU ministerial talks here. Unless Libya and its supporters agreed to let a representative of Mr. Habre's government take its seat at the summit, the sources said a walkout, which would deprive the 51-nation group of a quorum, was likely for the second time this year. Moroccan Foreign Minister Muhammad Bouccetta has left Tripoli in protest against the failure to seat a Habre delegation and told the Moroccan News Agency the summit would not take place because of what he termed Libya's "direct implication" in Chad. Libya sent troops to Chad in late 1980 to back the forces of the then-President Goukouni Oueddei against rebels led by Mr. Habre, a former defence minister. Mr. Habre's representative, Vice-President Idriss Misikine, was due to leave for home later Sunday because of the stalemate. "We are leaving and we won't come back. The Libyans won't have anything to do with us. We appeal to all countries which want the rule of law to do likewise," he told reporters. Officials said that, because of the Chad situation, the fate of the Tripoli summit was unlikely to be known until late Monday or early Tuesday. African diplomatic sources said it would be hard for Libya to soften its position on Chad because of the backing Mr. Habre's forces received from Egypt and Sudan, two of Mr. Qadhafi's most implacable opponents. Neither has been represented here. It was not known how many heads of state would be arriving. Some officials said it could be more than the elusive quorum of 34, but they added this would not guarantee a summit taking place as some might still refuse to take part because of the Chad dispute. Fourteen moderate states which back Mr. Habre boycotted a ministerial session here last week. The meeting was supposed to prepare a summit agenda because of a deadlock over the allocation of the seat to the new N'Djamena government. At least two heads of state, Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi and President Shabu Shagari of Nigeria, were expected in Tripoli Monday, officials said. Both recognise Mr. Habre. Mr. Moi has appealed to all OAU members to attend, regardless of the dispute over Chad. Libya's United Nations representative, Ali Treiki, told reporters Sunday: "Everything is going as normal. The summit will take place as planned. This crisis over Chad will be discussed by the heads of state." But his optimism was not shared by many delegations, which fear a second breakdown of the summit in four months is inevitable, casting a shadow over the future of the 19-year-old OAU. If the summit were called off, it would deprive Col. Qadhafi of the OAU chairmanship he was due to assume from Kenya at the last session in August. That meeting was aborted because of a 21-nation boycott in protest at OAU membership of the Polisario Western Sahara independence movement. According to the Moroccan News Agency, delegations from Liberia, Djibouti and Comoros have arrived in the Moroccan city of Fez after walking out of the stalled ministerial session. Niger Radio reported that delegations from Niger, Senegal, Gambia and Ivory Coast had left the Tripoli session because of the Chad dispute.

Habib meets Lebanese factional leaders

BEIRUT (R) — U.S. special envoy Philip Habib met Lebanese factional leaders Sunday for talks on the withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon and continuing factional violence in the mountains southeast of Beirut. Mr. Habib discussed the mountain violence with Druze Chief Walid Junblatt, leader of the Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) whose fighters have been clashing with right-wing Christian militiamen, state-run Beirut Radio reported. The 62-year-old diplomat arrived here on Friday to give extra muscle to efforts to secure the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon. But President Amin Gemayel has given priority to ending the fighting in the Israeli-held mountains which has soured the atmosphere of reconciliation that began with his election in September. The area around the mountain town of Aley, centre of recent violence 15 kilometres from the capital, was reported calm but tense Sunday after a clash on Friday evening in which five rightists were killed. The government has said it will ask the United States to help get the Israelis out of the mountain area so that the Lebanese army can take over security duties. Mr. Habib also met former Prime Minister Saeb Salaam, the Muslim community's elder statesman. In a statement to reporters after the meeting, Mr. Salaam called on all Lebanese to cooperate with Mr. Habib's mission. Mr. Habib is expected to leave for Israel when he has finished his round of preliminary talks with Lebanese leaders. The envoy's task is to clear Lebanon of all foreign troops—Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian—as well as promoting U.S. plans for solving the Middle East problem. On Sept. 1 President Reagan called for the Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip to be given self-rule in association with Jordan. Three weeks of shuffling between Beirut and Israel by Mr. Habib's deputy, Morris Draper, have failed to yield any significant progress on the three-way pullout of forces.

Qasem briefs cabinet on King's tour abroad

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Mudar Badran presided over cabinet meeting Sunday, during which Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem presented a report on His Majesty King Hussein's recent visit to France, as head of the seven-member Arab League committee, and the outcome of the talks the committee held with French President Francois Mitterrand on the Arab peace plan. Mr. Qasem's briefing also included the outcome of the King's visit to Turkey, and his consultations with Turkish President Kenan Evren concerning the situation in the Middle East, and the strengthening of bilateral cooperation between Jordan and Turkey in various fields.

Canadian team to arrive in Amman for embassy inauguration

By Affiah A. Kaloti Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN — A Canadian delegation headed by Dr. Mark MacGuigan, minister of justice and attorney-general of Canada, will arrive Tuesday in Amman for the inauguration of the Canadian embassy here on Tuesday. Jordan and Canada have recently raised representation between the countries to the level of resident ambassadors, and Canada's new envoy to Jordan Mr. Keith MacLellan presented his credentials to his Majesty King Hussein on Oct. 25. Dr. MacGuigan served as minister of foreign affairs until March, 1982. During the delegation's two-day visit, they will meet with several Jordanian ministers and officials. Dr. MacGuigan will be accompanied on his visit here by Mr. Robert L. Wenman, M.P., who is a member of Canada's Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs and Defence. The Canadian minister is also expected to address the World Affairs Council and give a television interview on Tuesday.

Iraqi naval units hit 5 tankers near Kharg Island

BEIRUT (R) — Iraq said Sunday that its navy, under orders to blockade Iranian ports at the head of the Gulf, sank five oil tankers near Iran's main oil loading terminal at Kharg Island. A military communique quoted by the official Iraqi News Agency (INA) said Iraqi naval units and planes hit the tankers Saturday night as they lay off the island terminal. The tankers burned and then sank, it said. No other details of the tankers were given in the communique, and there was no immediate confirmation of the sinking. The news agency said that the commander of Iraq's navy told President Saddam Hussein that his men had "delivered a painful blow to the enemy in its territorial waters like a slashing sword." The attack is the latest in a series of reported raids on shipping in the Gulf as Baghdad tries to choke off vital oil exports by Iran, its enemy in the 26-month-old war. Iraq declared a naval exclusion zone at the head of the Gulf on Aug. 12 and has repeatedly warned foreign shipowners their ships risk attack if they sail into the zone. Iraq has reported several raids on the Kharg Island terminal itself, but Iran says the Iraqi blockade and raids have had little impact on its exports. But tanker owners willing to face the danger have to pay higher insurance premiums. Iraqi aircraft sank a Greek and a South Korean ship before the exclusion zone was imposed. Since then, a Greek freighter has been bombed and a Turkish bulk carrier sunk by missiles. Sunday's communique said the attack was carried out by naval units and aircraft. Reference books list Iraq as having missile-armed patrol boats but do not mention any naval air wing. The attack comes during a relative lull in fighting on the ground. Iran staged its latest assault early this month, and President Hussein said on Nov. 10 that the Iranians had penetrated five kilometres into Iraqi territory. But no significant fighting has been reported in recent days.

Nabulsi says Jordan enjoys strong financial position

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan enjoys a strong financial position enabling it to pay back foreign loans and honour its various financial commitments, Central Bank Governor Mohammad Sa'id Nabulsi said here Sunday. Dr. Nabulsi was replying to a question by the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, about reports by Israel television that the Jordanian government "has been forced to seek loans from the Arab Bank to pay the salaries of its employees because Arab-oil states had stopped their financial aid to Jordan." He described the report as silly and one that does not deserve any comment. "Jordan's financial position," he said, "is unlike that of Israel whose government resorts to issuing bonds to cover the salaries of its employees and suffers from inflation that reached record levels." Israel cannot pay back loans and many times its employees had to go without pay. Dr. Nabulsi added. However, he said, it is natural for Jordan to borrow money from international money markets which have been generously offering the country loans because of its ability to honour commitments and have total confidence in Jordanian economy. Jordan borrows money for development purposes, but Israel finds difficulty in raising money at international markets because Israel allocates most of its loans to finance military campaigns or to settle Jews in confiscated Arab territory, Dr. Nabulsi said.

Fahd, Benjedid to hold talks on pan-Arab issues

BAHRAIN (R) — King Fahd of Saudi Arabia left Riyadh Sunday for Algeria for talks with President Chadli Benjedid. The Palestine question and the Western Sahara conflict will be major topics of discussion during a three-day visit to Algeria by King Fahd of Saudi Arabia which begins Sunday, according to an Algerian newspaper. The daily El Moudjahid said talks between the King and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid would focus on stepping up support for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). The two men would also discuss the tense situation in the Maghreb as a result of the Western Sahara conflict, it said. The official Algerian News Agency (APS) received in Paris said King Fahd's visit coincided with a delicate and complex juncture in Arab and international affairs, and when the Arab world was facing a major challenge that could determine its future for several generations. Recent Middle East developments confirmed the Algerian contention that "the enemy's strength is due first of all to the weakness of the Arabs and their division," the agency said. It added that the Maghreb "is also confronted with problems caused by the intervention of foreign forces in the area, and to begin with the Saharan people's cause." This was a reference to the Polisario Front's guerrilla war against Morocco in which Algeria charges the United States is giving Rabat military support. The agency said that Algeria cannot deny the right to independence of a neighbouring people. "With this in view, Saudi Arabia, one of the great defenders of the Palestinian cause and who has a certain credibility vis-a-vis one of the parties to the conflict, can act to bring Morocco and the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic to the negotiating table," it said. Morocco, which has close ties with Saudi Arabia, refuses to negotiate with the Polisario's republic. It insists that the solution lies in resolutions adopted last year by an Organisation of African Unity (OAU) summit in Nairobi calling for a ceasefire and self-determination referendum in the territory.

Pope urges Sicilian youth to support anti-mafia move

PALERMO, Sicily (R) — Pope John Paul threw his full personal support behind the church's anti-mafia campaign Sunday, imploring Sicily's youth to build a future which would isolate and destroy "the mafia attitude." He urged them to fight the Mafia's ancient tradition of silence, "omertà," with hope and not to give in to fatalism. The pontiff's speech to young people in a central square was seen by church officials as the centrepiece of his outspoken visit to this stronghold of mafia heroin gangs, where more than 120 people have died violently this year. He called on young people to build "a future and a new society in which the ramifications of the mafia attitude of some are isolated and destroyed." "Let your hope be tenacious in the face of fatalism, (social) disintegration, 'Omertà'... which have caused so much bloodshed and so many deaths on your streets, fully justifying the open moral condemnation... by your bishops, whose pastoral anxiety and generous commitment I fully share," the Pope said. The Pope's words fully endorsed the recent statement by Sicilian bishops which for the first time named the mafia in repeating the threat of excommunication for armed robbery, kidnap and murder. The Pope beseeched his listeners to help young people whose environments made them "easy prey for corruption, violence and drugs" and he described drug abuse as "a hatchet blow to the roots of life." Palermo gangland godfathers are conducting a vicious struggle for control of the lucrative heroin trade. The assassination of Italy's top anti-mafia policeman, sent here to curb the rackets, brought a bitter sermon from the Archbishop of Palermo, Cardinal Salvatore Pappalardo. The Pope Saturday attacked the "barbarous violence" that plagues Palermo and said only the "force of ideas" could ultimately defeat the gangsters.

Pan-Arab training course opens at Rahmeh Community Centre

AMMAN (Petra) — A month-long regional training course on production and use of audio-visual aids in development opened at Princess Rahmeh Community Development Centre at 'Allan Sunday.

Taking part in the course, organised in cooperation with the United Nations Economic Commission for Western Asia (ECWA), and the U.N. Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), are delegates from 11 Arab states.

The participants will hear lectures and do practical work in the use of mass information media for developing rural regions. The participants, who come from Jordan, Syria, Iraq, Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, North and South Yemen, will also present

samples of their national products in audio-visual aids.

Opening the course was Ministry of Social Development Under-Secretary Mohammad Ali Wardan, who stressed the importance of such courses "that would undoubtedly improve the capabilities and educational skills of Arab personnel in the production of visual aids and in the exchange of expertise in this field."

He called for continued cooperation between U.N. organisations and the region's countries for the purpose of promoting their social and economic progress.

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Also addressing the session was ECWA Representative, Thurayya Al Sharif, who called for constant cooperation between her organisation and the Jordanian Ministry of Social Development in the field of training.

The first of ECWA programmes designed to involve women in national development was implemented in Jordan, Dr. Thurayya said.

Among these programmes, she added, was one to train women in the use of electrical appliances and equipment.

Another speaker was UNESCO delegate Salah Ya'qoub, who called on the participants to benefit from Jordan's experience in comprehensive rural development.

Jordan-Hungary economic, trade relations discussed

AMMAN (Petra) — Ways of bolstering economic and trade ties between Jordan and Hungary were discussed at a meeting here Sunday between Ministry of Industry and Trade Under-Secretary Mohammad Saleh Hourani and the Hungarian commercial attache in Amman.

The attache also extended an invitation to the Jordanian government to take part in an international fair of consumer commodities which is due to be held in Hungary in April.

The two officials also discussed the prospect of exporting Jordanian fruit and vegetables to Hungary on board aircraft bringing Hungarian meat to Jordan.

NCC to hold regular session

AMMAN (Petra) — The National Consultative Council (NCC) is scheduled to hold its regular meeting Monday under the chairmanship of NCC Speaker Suleiman Arar.

Among the topics on the agenda are the government's replies to members' questions about the distribution of housing units in the Jordan Valley, the distribution of land to farmers in the region and issues connected with the Water Supply Corporation and the import of foreign-made cigarettes. The new Journalists Association law will also be discussed.

The NCC's Social and Educational Committee Sunday held a meeting presided over by Dr. Ahmad Abu Qoura to discuss a proposal for an amendment to the Jordanian Medical Council law.

The committee members discussed matters concerning licences to specialists in the field of medicine and issues pertaining to sports clubs in the country.

Medical council holds exams for 186 specialised doctors

AMMAN (Petra) — Examinations for the Jordanian Medical Council's (JMC) specialisation certificate started in Amman Sunday. One hundred and eighty-six doctors are appearing for the examination session which is expected to last one month.

According to JMC Secretary-General Mustafa Al Barmawi, the aim of the examination is to "maintain the present good medical standards in Jordan so as to offer the best services to the Jordanian citizen." Next year the number of specialised doctors in Jordan is expected to reach 500, he said.

The newly-created JMC, is the first of its kind in the Arab World, and is designed to draw up job descriptions for all specialisations in medicine and to define con-

ditions and regulations for hospitals and medical training and to issue certificates to doctors specialised in various fields of medicine.

Obeidat outlines traffic law

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Interior Ahmad Obeidat formally asked the Ministry of Finance and Customs Monday not to clear trucks breaking load and measurement regulations before their owners get a special permit for this purpose from the Ministry of Interior in advance. The procedure is in compliance with the proposed ruling in the draft traffic law, currently considered by the National Consultative Council (NCC) legal committee, and which requires prior permission by the ministry for importing trucks of illegal specifications.

Princess Sarvath to open paintings exhibition

AMMAN (J.T.) — An exhibition of oil paintings by Lebanese artist Paul Guiragossian will open Monday at the Jordan National Gallery under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Sarvath.

Painted especially for this first one-man show in Amman, the central theme of Mr. Guiragossian's oil paintings, range from the figurative to almost totally abstract.

The exhibition, the first to be held at the National Gallery after a long summer break during which time a whole new floor has been added, will be opened by Princess Sarvath at 5 p.m. The exhibition runs until Dec. 2.

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He mumbles a few sentences that you can hardly hear about "the stupidity of electronic brains."

All through this you are already feeling better because the water authority has admitted its mistake. You then enquire about the procedure to follow to have the abnormal invoice cancelled but you are stunned to hear the person in charge tell you, "You should at first settle this invoice in full and then you can lodge a complaint which department will study. At the end of our investigations we will reimburse to you the difference between the initial invoice and the actual price."

The mistakes of the water authority are very costly...

Jordan to have artists association

By Affah A. Kaloti
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Jordan will have its first artists association soon, according to an agreement reached last week after a three-hour debate among the Ministry of Information and Ministry of Culture and Youth on the one hand and the Jordan Theatre Association (JTA) on the other.

The meeting was attended by Minister of Information Adnan Abu Odeh, Minister of Culture and Youth Ma'an Abu Nowar, JTA President Salah Abu Hunood, Culture and Arts Department Director-General Haidar

Mahmoud and around 150 members of the JTA.

"The successful meeting was an outcome of our previous contacts with the Ministry of Information requesting for the enactment of legislations that would support and organise the artists' work in Jordan," Mr. Abu Hunood told the Jordan Times.

Artists, like all other workers and employees in industrial production units and companies need social security, health insurance, and pension and "these requirements could be attained by the establishment of the artists association," Mr. Abu Hunood said.

The increasing number of artists in Jordan and the growing demand to study arts as a profession in Jordan and abroad require legislation so as "to stand on solid bases," added.

In two weeks a meeting will be held to discuss in depth the subjects that have been studied in previous one and seek ways "meet all demands possible," Abu Hunood said.

The meeting will be attended by Mr. Abu Nowar, Mr. Abu Odeh, officials from Jordan Television, the Department of Culture, Art, and the JTA representing 600 artists in the Kingdom.

Asfour meets Chamber of Commerce director

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Industry and Trade Walid Asfour announced Sunday that the ministry is preparing an amendment to the Chambers of Commerce law to be presented to the Federation of Jordanian Chambers of Commerce (FICC) for its study and approval.

Speaking at a meeting with the newly-elected directors of the Amman Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Asfour called for the creation of a separate sub-chamber for each trade sector in the country.

During the meeting, presided over by Chamber of Commerce Director Board Chairman Rajeh Al Amin, discussions dealt with a

number of issues of interest to businessmen in Jordan.

The new board has already started intensifying its contacts with

businessmen's representatives, consultations on various outstanding trade issues, Mr. Asfour said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Chinese ambassador meets Ayyoub

AMMAN (Petra) — China's Ambassador to Jordan Huang Shishi Sunday discussed with Minister of Supply Ibrahim Ayyoub the prospect of increasing the volume of trade between Jordan and China. Also discussed at the meeting, held at the Ministry of Supply office, was Jordanian imports of Chinese commodities for the Armed Forces and civil consumer corporations.

Music course at Yarmouk University

IRBID (Petra) — Yarmouk University's Continued Education and Community Service Department Saturday opened a training course in Music. Participants in the six-week course will receive practical training on various musical instruments. The 30 participants are university students and staff.

Cooperative training course organised

IRBID (Petra) — The Cooperative Directorate here has organised a two-day training course scheduled to open Wednesday for members of agricultural cooperative societies in Irbid Governorate. Cooperative Directorate Director Jamal 'Ubeidat said that farmers will be oriented on Jordanian cooperative movements and their role in promoting economic and agricultural development as well as cultivating rain-fed regions in Jordan.

VTC trainees number 1,000 in 1982

AMMAN (Petra) — The Vocational Training Corporation (VTC) Sunday said that participants in courses at VTC centres during 1982 totalled 1,000. The trainees received instruction on central-heating systems, house electric installation, mechanics, construction skills and sewing. The courses comprised 160 credit hours. The VTC grants its graduates the Industrial School Certificate after three years of study following the preparatory stage certificate. The corporation also organises recruiting courses for workers at factories and firms neighbouring its centres.

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Dacca besieged by army of beggars

**By Amir Ahmed
Dacca**

Dacca — A growing army of beggars with stakes in crime and prostitution is posing a major problem for the government of Bangladesh, one of the world's poorest states.

In this capital city nearly 10 per cent of the 2.5 million population are living in slums, according to the municipal corporation.

Police believe the beggars are largely responsible for an increase in crime in and around Dacca. They say the beggars work as informers for crime leaders, going from house to house to scout out

possible victims and getting paid by results.

The beggars, many of whom came from the surrounding countryside, are also involved in a thriving prostitution racket and illegal trafficking in women.

A recent report published in the Bengali daily newspaper Ittefaq said agents had taken several thousand Bangladeshi girls, many of them former beggars, to Pakistan for onward shipment to Middle Eastern and Gulf states.

The government says it is aware of the problem and is taking steps to halt the trade in women. But it has yet to work out a comprehensive plan to deal with the

overall issue of begging.

Officials admit that it is now assuming the dimensions of a great challenge to society. Some argue, however, that it is just a lazy way out.

"All these beggars do not really need to beg, but they have chosen it as easy means of earning a livelihood," said one official in the health and population ministry.

"They'll ask you for a job to give up begging, but if you then propose one they'll probably turn it down."

Others see it as a spreading cancer.

Banglar Bani, organ of the opposition political party, the Awami League, said in a report that beggars were turning into a professional class.

Rising poverty caused by failing agriculture and a lack of unemployment benefits was largely responsible for the development, the paper said.

The number of beggars is also on the increase in provincial towns.

The paper published statistics compiled by welfare workers in the western district town of Dinajpur, showing beggars there now numbered 5,000.

This was a fourfold increase over the past 10 years in a town with a population of 124,000.

Only eight per cent of the beggars in Dinajpur were locals. Others had trekked in from different parts of Bangladesh.

Thirty-four out of every 100 were women and 12 per cent were

aged between seven and 16.

Nine per cent of the beggars had their own land and property but had been driven out of their houses by their grown-up children.

The beggars in Dacca sleep in railway or river boat stations. Many lie sprawling on footpaths constantly exposed to the sun and the rain or find a niche in the squalid ghettos that continue to spring up around the capital.

Styles of doing business vary. Some act on their own while others

move in groups which often represent whole families — parents, children and grandchildren.

Groups are also formed by the crippled and disabled, who seek sympathy by singing dirges to passers-by. One group said each member earns 20 taka (about one dollar) a day.

More than half of Bangladesh's 92 million people are living below the international poverty level, according to United Nations sources.

With social unrest simmering below the surface, the problem of begging is becoming increasingly pressing for the government.

Two years ago beggars staged a

massive demonstration in Dacca demanding food and shelter and the authorities had to call in police reinforcements to disperse them.

But, faced with a major balance of payments deficit, high unemployment and severe inflation, the government lacks the cash needed to mount any big rehabilitation scheme.

It says it is considering a plan, but nothing concrete has emerged.

Meanwhile, police and civil guards make mass arrests of beggars, ferrying them out of the capital in open lorries, only to find them infiltrating back within a few days.

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Doctorate: For what?

FORMER U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, who arrived in Israel Saturday to see Prime Minister Begin and Defence Minister Sharon, is to receive an honorary doctorate from an Israeli University today.

Because Begin is known to consider Haig one of the best U.S. friends Israel has ever had, an Israeli university might as well award him an honorary doctorate. The question, however, is: In what?

Surely, the former secretary does not need a Ph.D. in Militarism, because he has already attained higher honours in the field. Nor would he accept a degree in International Relations, because the guy seems to know little about them. In U.S. Politics, perhaps? No: everybody knows he failed there. On the Middle East then? Can't be: there are more parties to the conflict there than he could count. In European Affairs? He doesn't deserve it: many decisions he took, based on his knowledge of the continent and its people, have been reversed by his successor, and

things seem to be working better again.

But of course there are other fields in which Mr. Haig can be awarded an honorary doctorate. After all the grand politician's and general's morale needs to be boosted by his friends, more now than ever. And, we bet, Begin's Israel would not fail to give him the best there is.

Think of a Ph.D. in How to Kill a Palestinian, for instance; or, the Colours of Arab Blood; or, How Israel Conquered the Soviets; or in Intellectual Basketball for that matter.

Seriously now, Mr. Haig may be awarded not one but many doctorates from his friends Begin and Sharon in Israel, but it is well to remember that the three men's joint thesis on U.S.-Israeli relations during the Lebanon invasion would have only led to horror and destruction, at least in this part of the world.

Congratulations for the Ph.D., Dr. Haig. It will be more difficult to forget you, now that you have been officially graduated from Mr. Begin's school.

JORDAN'S ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

AL RA'I: Israeli propaganda cannot deter Jordan's stand

His Majesty King Hussein Saturday ended an eight-day tour, during which he held consultations with three heads of state, and headed the seven-member Arab League committee to present Arab peace proposals to French President Francois Mitterrand.

The King's visit to Turkey, and his talks with Turkish President Kenan Evren on the Palestinian question, bilateral relations, and the Iranian-Iraqi war, are part of Jordan's role in the Arab and international arena, expressing national commitments Jordan has invariably adhered to as a principled stand.

Israel has methodically launched all kinds of campaigns against this role; and the present indirect one is seemingly entrusted to the Village Leagues in an attempt to defame Jordan's national stand by alleging that Jordan and the Village Leagues, practically a tool of occupation policies, share a common strategy towards the Palestinian question. Such allegations can fruitlessly tarnish Jordan's national stand, which has uncovered the real nature and role of these leagues, and treated those who cooperated with them as criminals.

Jordan, on the other hand, has no intentions to replace the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) as the legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, and has no tendency whatsoever to have any representative presence in the occupied West Bank.

No matter what Israel and its lackeys might utter, Jordan will consistently pursue its national line, led by the King, whose last tour has been part of the effort for serving the Arab cause in general, and the Palestinian cause in particular.

AL DUSTOUR: Further solidification of Arab unity most essential

The talks His Majesty King Hussein held in Rabat and Paris concentrated on the seven-member Arab League committee's mission, aimed at conveying the Arab peace plan reached at Fez to the world. The King's visit to Turkey is in compliance with Jordan's national role, and the King's tireless effort to rally support for Arab rights in Palestine, and in defence of Iraqi territory, persistently threatened by the aggressive policies and practices of the Iranian leadership.

Turkey, which tried from the beginnings of the Gulf war to play a positive mediatory role between the two Muslim neighbours, has an important role in promoting peace chances in the region, and preserving stability in the region.

Hence the King's tour has helped introduce

Arab rights in a new light, and was greatly lauded by world media, especially that the question of who presents views, and the way they are introduced, has a lot to do with the credibility of the attitudes introduced, and the extent of subtlety they are received with.

Arab-Israeli confrontation requires complete integration of all Arab efforts at different levels. The Fez step could initiate a coherent Arab stand, and further concentration of Arab effort will certainly invigorate new steps on the way to restoring Arab rights. Such efforts are of great consequence in producing international concern to foil Israeli de facto policies, aimed at the annexation of occupied Arab territories.

DE FACTONOMICS

Revising Jordan's legislative framework

By T.A. Jabe

In the last two years the Jordanian government has been working actively in reconsidering current laws and regulations. As a result, a revised and more up-to-date legislative framework has been approved by the National Consultative Council and passed by the government.

The issue is not simply to amend certain laws and regulations, but rather a concerted work to reconsider major laws affecting most of the population, if not all of it.

Moreover, this commendable work is overall study of general guidelines and considerations as depicted in the laws rather than of individual paragraphs and sections.

In the last two years, the following major laws have been revised and issued as new ones: The Income Tax Law, the Corporations Law, the Tenants Law, the Higher Education Council Law, and the Civil Service Code.

Other laws are currently under consideration; particularly the Labour Law, the Customs and Tariff Law, the Encouragement of Investment Law, and the Auditing and Accounting Law.

Of course, introducing a new law requires the study and reconsideration of the prevailing related by-laws and regulations. Thus, a secondary process of shaping up the legislative framework takes place immediately after each of the above laws is passed, if not concurrently.

Seminars and study groups are usually organised to explain the new stipulations, both to the public and to the government employees concerned.

One might ask why the Jordanian government is revising so many laws in such a short period of time. I shall attempt an explanation:

1. Jordan witnessed in the last decade rapid economic and social development. For this development to continue smoothly, reconsideration of all laws passed in the sixties or even in the early seventies is required. New institutions have been established. We have attained a high level of per capita income which has changed our consumption habits.

With the inflation, the real value of money has gone down, thus making certain income payments legislated in the sixties unreasonably low. This has been the case with rents, workers injuries compensations and tax exemptions.

2. Laws also have to reflect the social pattern in the country particularly as concerns the three main categories, namely the government, the employers and the workers. Since income distribution in general can be influenced through legislative revisions such as minimum wage clauses, social security contributions, tax holidays, exemption from custom duties on certain imported items, improvement of salary scales, and others, every party will try to increase his share of the cake.

The government, however, wants to increase its share of national income alongside a variety of other national objectives namely: further growth in the economy and the maintenance of certain degree of equity. These objectives are necessary to achieve social security.

Some of the social changes behind the need for legislative revisions are the spread of awareness and knowledge among individuals on how our economic relations function.

Another change includes a broadening of the bases for the two important segments of society: employers and workers. The phenomenon which Gailbraith referred to as 'the countervailing powers in society' has not yet fully developed in Jordan but it may be on its way.

3. Another factor behind the active legislative process is the intention of the government to introduce new policy measures which will serve Jordan's present needs and objectives.

Thus, the draft labour law provides for additional benefits to female workers, hoping that more women will participate in the labour force. The Industrial States Corporation Law aims at relocating industrial projects and making available to new ones common ser-

vices at reasonable cost. The enactment of the Higher Education Council provides for the establishment of a central body to formulate an overall policy for higher education, also aims at coordinating the activities of the number of community colleges.

4. Finally, these are pure reasons for the active legislative process: inconsistencies among various laws and new have to be corrected. Outdated stipulations have to be brought in line with our present as well as future society.

Improvements and innovations regarding legislation in other countries have their effect on codes and regulations. As is often pointed out in literature, on economic developments, inadequate legislation can be an obstacle to development efforts. On the other hand, an outdated legislation can speed up our development progress.

The bridge between Europe and the Muslim world

Turkey turns towards the south-east

By Edward Mortimer

Friends concerned with the Middle East were baffled to hear that I had been in Turkey last week. They were not aware that anything of importance was happening in Turkey, and indeed seemed to find the idea that anything of importance might happen there bizarre, if not frivolous. At least, they implied, it was not something that should concern me, supposedly a Middle East "specialist".

It is a curious state of affairs. Within this century after all, when most of the Arab Middle East was under Turkish rule, Istanbul would have seemed a much more obvious focus for Arab political activity than Paris or London, let alone New York or Washington. It seems surprising that France and Britain should have succeeded in wresting the Arab world so irrevocably away from the Ottoman empire, and Kemal Ataturk in wresting Turkey away from the Islamic world.

Ataturk was quite clear about the need for Turkey to put aside the symbols of the past and align itself with "civilisation", by which he meant modern Western civilisation.

Although he had fought the Greek invaders and their allies in the name of "Islamic caliphate and Ottoman sultanate", within two years of his victory he had abolished both these institutions.

Turkey turned its back on the Islamic world and set out to become part of Europe.

It was, on the face of it, a strange ambition, especially at a time when Turkey had just lost almost all its territory in Europe proper and moved the capital from Istanbul, on the European shore of the Bosphorus, to Ankara in the heart of Asia Minor. Yet Ataturk was deeply serious about it, and managed to convince at least the governing elite of the country—the leadership of the armed forces and civil service, and most of the intellectuals—that such was indeed its destiny.

After World War II, his successors appeared also to have convinced their opposite numbers in the West, since Turkey became a member of the Council of Europe and of NATO.

In 1963 an association agreement was signed with the European Community, which referred explicitly to "the possibility of Turkey's becoming a full member as soon as it is in a position to accept the full obligations of the Rome Treaty".

The European civilisation to which Turkey thus professes to belong has been defined, since 1945, as including a pluralist conception of democracy—with freedom of expression and association and parties competing for power in free elections. Ataturk, who died in 1938, had professed to believe in this too, though in practice (and in Europe's age of dictators), he ruled Turkey as a one-party state.

Military interventions

In 1946 Turkey switched to a

multi-party system and in 1959 it was proved that this was no mere charade: An opposition party came to power after defeating the government in a general election. But it was a party which had split off from Ataturk's Republican People's party and which remained loyal to his basic principles, notably the "secular" nature of the state and the Western orientation of the country.

The armed forces, though in theory controlled by the elected government, remained aloof from and in some sense above it, as guardians of Ataturk's legacy. In 1960, when they felt that legacy was in danger, they intervened, overthrew the government, hanged its leader, and ordered the drafting of a new constitution.

That constitution was actually more liberal and more democratic than the previous one. Turkey was now beginning to be an industrial country, in a stage of economic development comparable to others in southern Europe if still somewhat behind most of them. It also had a generation of adults who had grown up since Ataturk's reforms and to whom it came naturally to think of themselves as Europeans. In the 1960s Turkey witnessed the development of recognisably European patterns of political and trade union activity, as well as the migration of large numbers of workers to western Europe, especially Germany.

Logically, the Ataturkist leaders of the armed forces should have been gratified by this. In fact

they were alarmed by the appearance of Marxist ideas, even though these attracted only a small minority, and by the beginnings of a class struggle which—in their eyes—threatened the integrity of the Turkish nation. In 1971 they intervened again, this time to clamp down on leftist agitation and to amend the constitution in a more authoritarian direction.

The politicians returned to office in 1973 with an even stronger sense of having to operate under army tutelage. At that very moment, Turkey was hit by the oil price increase—both directly, and by the recession which choked off demand for immigrant labour in Western Europe. The general election of that year also revealed that a significant minority of Turks (just under 12 per cent supported a party which hinted as openly as it dared that it did not agree with Turkey's post-Ataturk direction and would prefer to rejoin the Islamic world).

Towards the Muslim world

No doubt today it is still only a small minority of Turks who would favour the reintroduction of the *shari'a* (Koranic law) or obliging women to wear the veil. But the question of Turkey's proper place in the world remains unresolved. During the 1970s the somewhat artificial parliamentary democracy which the army had allowed to resume in 1973 degenerated into bitter polarisation, with political killings a daily occurrence and the economy almost paralysed by shortage of foreign

exchange. In 1980 the generals intervened again—this time to impose a one-party system and now, on 7, they have obtained overwhelming popular endorsement (admittedly in a carefully controlled vote) for a yet more authoritarian constitution which will be difficult to reconcile with open standards.

Meanwhile, Turks are increasingly alien and unwelcome in a Germany gripped by recession and now ruled by an unsympathetic, right-wing government. In the Middle East, contrast, whether in Iran and which will presumably both to reconstruct their economy in the struggling but expanding Maghreb, the opportunistic Turkish labourers, contractors and technicians distinctly promising.

Turkey likes to think of itself as a bridge between Europe and the Muslim world, but in the half-century most contact between the two have by-passed Turkey, which has too often been a bridgehead for misunderstanding. Perhaps Turkey, after half a century of love-hate relationships with Western Europe, should now turn itself less with the West and more with its Muslim neighbour.

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U.S. warily watches Sino-Soviet rapprochement

By Bob Horton
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WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration is warily watching China's moves to normalise ties with the Soviet Union while publicly taking the position that the outcome should not prejudice a strong Sino-American relationship.

Before Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev's death last week, State Department officials said they did not foresee a major thaw in the icy relationship between Peking and Moscow. But Moscow's warm reception for a high-level Chinese delegation that attended Mr. Brezhnev's funeral has caused some State Department officials to question this assessment.

"We just haven't decided what to make of it at this stage, and rather than deal in hypothetical developments we can't say much," one official said. Others said that the 90-minute meeting in Moscow between Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and Huang Hua, his Chinese counterpart who was later replaced as foreign minister, on Nov. 19, had not significantly changed the diplomatic picture.

"We don't agree there's a major thaw going on between the Soviets

and the Chinese at this point," one said. "Too many major obstacles remain in the talks they've been having."

The official was referring to the resumption of talks with Soviet officials in Peking last month over border disputes and other policy issues that have kept the two sides at odds for years.

State Department officials said even though the Huang Hua trip to Moscow last week was marked by friendly rhetoric, China has not shown any sign of backing away from demands it has made of the Soviet Union in the normalisation talks.

"These are: Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan and pullbacks of its troops along the Chinese and Mongolian borders, and an end to Soviet support for Vietnamese forces in Kampuchea."

Positive outcome

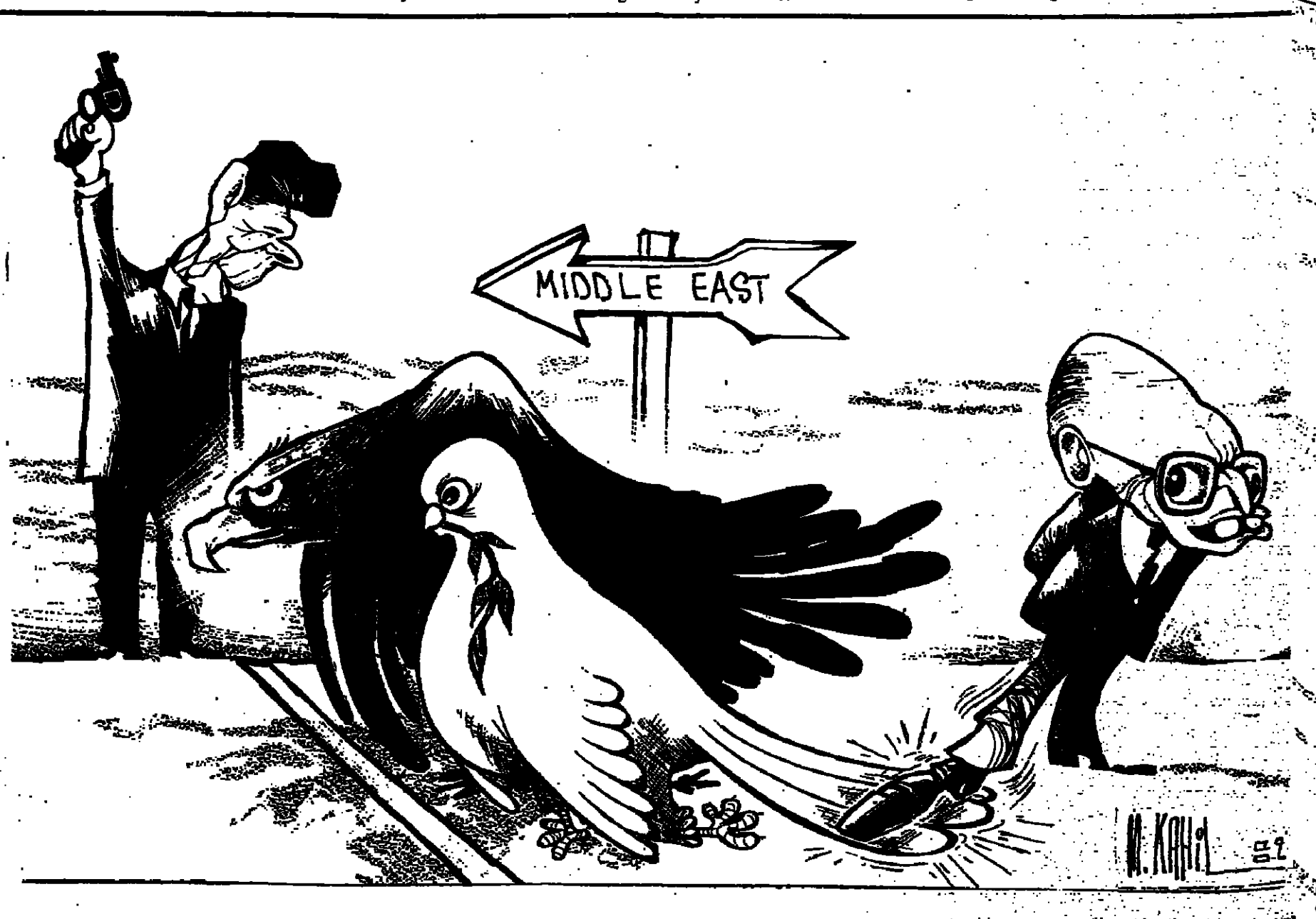
Secretary of State George Shultz said at a news conference yesterday the United States was watching developments between the two nations but he did not know "just what is taking place." Nevertheless, he focused on a possible positive outcome of Peking's approach to the Sino-Soviet talks, saying: "If through their discussions they can persuade the

Soviet Union to get out of Afghanistan and in effect get out of Kampuchea, so much the better."

Some department officials said today his comments were notable for their lack of alarm over a possible Sino-Soviet rapprochement. Mr. Shultz's comments contrasted with earlier suggestions by State Department officials that the administration would view with alarm a major thaw in Sino-Soviet relations. The officials had predicted that the administration, seeing a shift by Peking toward Moscow, would seriously question the possibility of a U.S. strategic relationship with China.

The current absence of alarmist statements from Washington over a Sino-Soviet rapprochement might be explained in part by continued scepticism here that the effort will amount to much. U.S. and Chinese officials have made very similar points on improving relations with the new Kremlin leaders.

The State Department disclosed today that Mr. Shultz also met Mr. Huang privately while the two were in Moscow but it would not comment on the substance of their talks. It had no comment either on the announcement in Peking that the foreign minister had been replaced in a leadership shakeup.



مكتبة لائل

Japan monopolises Games swimming

NEW DELHI (R) — A series of record-breaking performances in the swimming pool Sunday lifted Japan to the top of the medals table, well clear of arch-rivals China.

Records also tumbled in other events at the new Talkatora pool as Japanese swimmers took five of the six golds at stake Sunday.

Japan's monopoly was broken only when William Wilson of the Philippines powered his way to a gold in the men's 200 metres freestyle, also in a Games record time of 1 minute 57.41 seconds.

Japan also captured a gold in archery to take its medals tally to seven golds, seven silvers and two bronzes after three days of competition.

Japanese swimming coach Higashijima Shinji told reporters later that his team was on target for equaling the 25 swimming golds it won in the last Games at Bangkok, though the opposition was strong. He was however disappointed

with the loss of the 200 metres freestyle event to the Filipino.

The coach said Nagasaki, who took the breaststroke gold in two minutes and 33.78 seconds, had a good chance of making it to the Los Angeles Olympic Games in two years time.

China picked up three silvers and as many bronzes in the pool to stay in second place in the medals tally.

In field events, Pakistan turned on some magic moments in beating China 6-0 in their opening shot of their campaign to retain the hockey gold.

Bur Khalid Mahmood, manager of the team which is almost certain to come up against traditional rivals India in the hockey final, said he would have liked a better performance.

Another highlight of the day was the gruelling 100 km cycling road team trial won by South Korea.

Who broke the Asian Games

record by nearly three minutes to take the first gold medal of the cycling competition.

The South Korean team clocked 2 hours 10 minutes 39.42 seconds for the gruelling race, breaking the Games record of 2:13:38.31 set by Japan at Bangkok in 1970.

The Japanese managed only a silver with a time of 2:15:56 followed by the Iranians in 2:16:41.49. It was the same order in which the three teams finished in the last 1978 Bangkok games.

The South Korean quartet of Jang Yun Ho, Kim Byung Sun, Kim Chul Seok and Lee Jin Ok Sunday maintained a furious pace and never gave their opponents a chance to better their timings.

The race started in a cool morning breeze at a small dusty town in the north Indian state of Haryana, 80 km from the Indian capital, and ended under a warm mid-day sun.

Australia's bowling problems increase

SYDNEY (R) — Australia, already hit by the absence of Terry Alderman, were landed with another fast bowling worry when Geoff Lawson pulled out of the New South Wales attack against England here Sunday.

Lawson has a sore, strained shoulder suffered while fielding Saturday and was rested when England started the second innings on the second day of their four-day cricket match.

Lawson might not bowl Monday either and said at the close: "It's a precautionary move, and I've got to take things more easily."

Australia are already without fast medium Alderman for the second test starting in Brisbane on Friday after he was injured during a scuffle with spectators who invaded the pitch during the drawn first test in Perth last week.

England reached the midway point in the state match leading by 63 with nine second innings wickets in hand.

They were 73 for one at the

close after New South Wales made 250 for nine declared in reply to the touring team's first innings of 240 all out.

England's problem of deciding on a third bowler to support opening pair Bob Willis and Ian Botham for the second test remained unresolved after Norman Cowans, Robin Jackman and Derek Pringle shared the honours Sunday.

Cowans, who failed to take a wicket on his test debut in Perth, finished with three for 44, including the wickets of ex-test men Rick McCosker and Peter Toohey.

Jackman, who did not play in the first test, had two for 37, including current Australian opener John Dyson, while medium pacer Pringle, who bowled unimpressively in Perth, took two for 61.

England's other worry, the number two batting position, was resolved essentially by Graeme Fowler's second failure in a match in which fellow opener Geoff Cook has flourished.

Left hander Fowler followed his first innings 12 with 14 Sunday and has now made a total of only 106 runs in 10 tour innings.

Cook, who made one and seven in the first test, scored 99 Saturday and was 23 not out at the close Sunday.

New South Wales, 48 for two overnight, were indebted to half centuries from Steve Smith and wicketkeeper Steve Rixon for the narrow lead.

Smith, one of Australia's brightest prospects, hit exactly 50 and Rixon made an unbeaten 57 as the state side capitalised on errors by wicketkeeper Ian Gould, who dropped Lawson, Murray Bennett and Rixon.

Smith completed his half century in 130 minutes, while Rixon received useful support from Lawson (22) in an eighth wicket stand of 36.

When England batted again in the final session, left arm fast bowler Mike Whitney sent back Fowler cheaply with the total 32.

Turnbull wins Brisbane classic

BRISBANE (R) — Australia's Wendy Turnbull confirmed her dominance over Pam Shriver of the United States with a convincing 6-3, 6-1 victory in the final of the Brisbane women's tennis classic Sunday.

Turnbull, 29, who defeated Shriver in the 1980 New South Wales classic, said afterwards she had played the best grass court tennis of her 10-year career.

Royal Jordanian Polo Club defeats visiting British team

By Riyad M. Ahmad
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Royal Jordanian Polo Club Sunday played an exciting polo tournament with the visiting British polo team (in West Germany). The game, which was held under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, took place at the Zarqa army camp polo playground. The Jordanian team led by H.R.H. Crown Prince Hassan defeated their British counterparts 7-2. At the end of the match, Prince Hassan's son, Prince Rashid handed the cup to the winning team.

The match was attended by Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief, Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, the British Ambassador to Amman Mr. Alan Urwick in addition to several other high ranking officials and polo fans.

Braxton of U.S. retains WBC title

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey (R) — Dwight Braxton stopped fellow-American Eddie Davis in the 11th round of a title fight here Saturday night to retain his World Boxing Council (WBC) light-heavyweight championship.

Braxton, 29, fighting for the first time under his new name of Muhammad Qawi, sent Davis to the canvas with a flurry of punches to the head early in the 11th round.

Davis rose on the count of eight but suffered further punishment and referee Tony Perez stopped the bout after 2:32 minutes of the round.

It was Braxton's 19th victory, including 12 within the distance, to one loss and one draw. Davis's record dropped to 23-3-1.

He had appeared in the first round that Braxton was on his way to an easy victory when he sent Davis down with a series of blows climaxed by a left hook. But Davis took an eight-count and recovered quickly to wage an even battle with some tough in-fighting.

Braxton's nose was bleeding profusely from the fourth round on and Davis, gaining confidence, began to taunt the champion.

But Braxton's strength began to wear on Davis in the eighth round and the champion started taking control.

He did most of his damage in the 10th round, landing a half-dozen unanswered right uppercuts to Davis's chin and sending the challenger staggering back to his corner at the close of the round.

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USSR prefers better relations with U.S.

MOSCOW (TASS) — The Soviet Union is for the development of trade and economic relations with all countries, including with the United States, stressed Mr. Nikolai Tikhonov, chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers. He was addressing the Kremlin Thursday a dinner given by him in honour of the participants in the seventh session of the U.S.-USSR trade and economic council, which was held in Moscow.

Present at the dinner were prominent representatives of U.S. business circles, representatives of American firms and companies incorporated into the council. Present from the Soviet side were heads of a number of ministries and departments, executives of foreign trade and banking organisations.

Mr. Nikolai Tikhonov pointed out that the meeting was held "at a time, which is not the best for Soviet-American relations." The climate had considerably cooled, he said, and not through the Soviet Union's fault.

Mr. Nikolai Tikhonov said that work is currently under way in the Soviet Union to draft plans for his country's economic and social development for the twelfth five-year plan period, that is for the period, from 1986 to 1990.

"This," he said, "lays a reliable groundwork for expanding our trade with the firms of the countries, which guarantee a conscientious implementation of their commitments."

"U.S. President Ronald Reagan," Mr. Nikolai Tikhonov continued, "has recently declared the wish of the United States to work in the direction of improving relations with the Soviet Union and expanding the fields, where our countries can cooperate with each other for mutual benefit. I can say that this fully accords with the Soviet Union's wishes and intentions."

"The Soviet Union has been and is for normal, and even better, friendly relations with the United States of America. There were such relations in the past, and they can again become a reality. This would meet the interests of our countries and the interests of universal peace. I am confident that this is precisely what our peoples wish. They wish lasting peace and mutually beneficial cooperation," Mr. Tikhonov concluded.

Pilkington to cut staff

ST HELEN'S, England (R) — The British glassmaking firm, Pilkington, said Saturday it planned to axe up to 900 jobs, 10 per cent of its workforce, in the recession-hit northwest of England.

Pilkington Glass, which employs 9,000 people in the town of St Helen's, said the cuts were necessary because of a lack of demand for float glass — sheets of glass which are drawn onto a surface of molten metal to harden.

Fed cuts prime rate to 9%

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. central bank, in a move apparently designed to improve the prospects for an economic recovery, has cut its principal lending rate to the lowest in level in four years.

The cut from 9.5 per cent to nine per cent in the discount interest rate, which the central bank charges on direct loans to commercial banks, was the sixth since July 20 when the rate was reduced to 11.5 per cent.

The reduction is certain to receive an enthusiastic greeting at Monday's reopening on Wall Street, which has been waiting for the move for several weeks.

International agency warns Latin American countries

WASHINGTON (R) — The Inter-American Development Bank Sunday warned Latin American countries with staggering debts that getting loans in the coming decade may become much harder.

The international agency, which lends to Latin American countries, said in its annual report that financial resources available to developing nations will shrink in the 1980s as the major industrial states try to pull out of the global recession.

The bank also said that after rapid expansion, Latin American economies were likely to slow down considerably in the next few years.

However, despite the report's gloomy tone, bank officials expressed optimism about Latin

America being able to weather the recession and deal with its huge debt burden.

"The basic structure of Latin America is intact," the bank's external relations adviser, Mr. Marian Czarnecki said. "Its economy is stronger today than it was when it faced other crises before."

The annual report said that since Latin American states, notably Argentina, Brazil and Mexico, hold more than 60 per cent of all outstanding Third World debt, the region may be especially hard hit by the decreasing availability of loans.

Between 1975 and 1981, when Western bankers found Latin America very attractive for loans, its collective debt increased by an annual 23 per cent.

Now, the bank estimated, loans to it in the 1980s would grow only between 9.6 and 12.6 per cent annually. "The easy money is out of the market," said Mr. Hernan Aldabe, manager of the bank's economic and social development department.

Also, interest rates are likely to be significantly higher than in the 1970s, the bank said.

As a result, it said: "Any future foreign indebtedness should be channelled to investment projects and programmes yielding high economic returns."

It added that with Western bank loans less likely, multilateral lending institutions like itself, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank would have to do more.

S. Arabia, Kuwait back OPEC's base price

BAHRAIN (R) — Saudi Arabia and Kuwait said Sunday they firmly support OPEC's current base oil price of \$34 a barrel and the Saudi oil minister was quoted as saying reports indicating his country thought otherwise were distorted.

Saudi Arabia's Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani and his Kuwaiti counterpart, Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al Sabah, reaffirmed support for the key OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) price, which is under pressure in the current glutted market, following talks Saturday night in Riyadh.

The official Saudi Press Agency quoted Sheikh Ali Khalifa, who was meeting Sheikh Yamani for the second time in four days, as saying: "Saudi Arabia and Kuwait agree with the current oil price for OPEC. Strongly support it and desire to maintain it."

The agency said Sheikh Yamani had agreed with this statement and added that reports of remarks on pricing he made earlier this week were unclear. His remarks had been intended to declare Saudi support for the current price and encourage other OPEC members to support it also, it quoted him as saying.

On Thursday, the Kuwaiti newspaper Al Watan quoted Sheikh Yamani in an interview as saying he had no objection to studying proposals for a change in the benchmark price if that was what other OPEC members wanted.

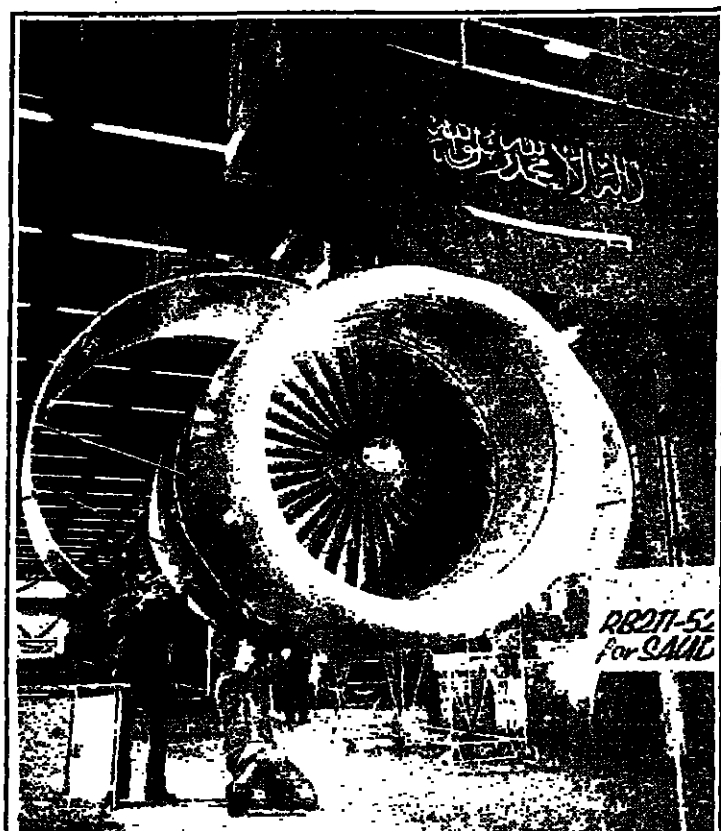
Reports of the interview, in which Sheikh Yamani also reaffirmed the kingdom's preference for keeping the current benchmark price, sent jitters through spot oil, stock and foreign exchange markets. Oil experts, however, said they did not consider he had said anything particularly dramatic.

Oil analysts in the Gulf noted

Sunday that in recent weeks the Saudis have let it be known off the record that they are becoming tired of sticking to the present reference price.

They have hinted that they and such Gulf allies as Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates might unilaterally cut prices if OPEC, scheduled to hold a meeting on Dec. 9, fails to agree a reference price that all 13 members will respect.

Iran has labelled as bluff the Gulf states' implied warning that they might engage other OPEC members in a price-cutting war unless they obeyed the rules.



Saudia gets high-power engine

Saudi Arabian Airlines has become the first overseas customer of Rolls-Royce to receive the company's 100th high-power 524 jet engines. This engine has been installed in Saudia's seventh Boeing Jumbo 747.

Ceausescu visits Indonesia today to improve economic relations

JAKARTA (R) — Romania's President Nicolae Ceausescu, the first head of state from a socialist country to visit Indonesia in 17 years, arrives here Monday for talks aimed at stepping up economic relations.

Indonesian officials said the revoking of an Indonesian-imposed trade restriction between Romania and Indonesia last year was crucial in the decision of Mr. Ceausescu to come here.

Indonesia's relations with the socialist bloc countries cooled considerably after the Communist coup attempt here in 1965, and Jakarta issued a special regulation stipulating that Romania could only do trade with Indonesia through a state trading agency.

Indonesia's Economic and Industry Minister Wijoyo Nitisastro visited Romania in November last year and shortly thereafter revoked the trade restriction regulation.

The Kampuchean issue might also be discussed in a two-hour meeting scheduled between the Romanian leader and President Suharto Monday morning.

There is particular interest here in the fact that Romania last month voted with the non-Communist association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in rejecting a Soviet-backed attempt to unseat the Kampuchean delegation led by Prince Norodom Sihanouk from the United Nations.

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THE Daily Crossword

By N.E. Campbell

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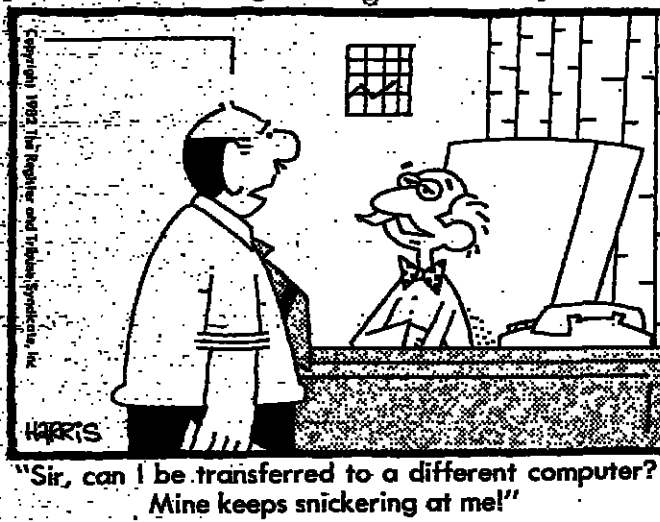
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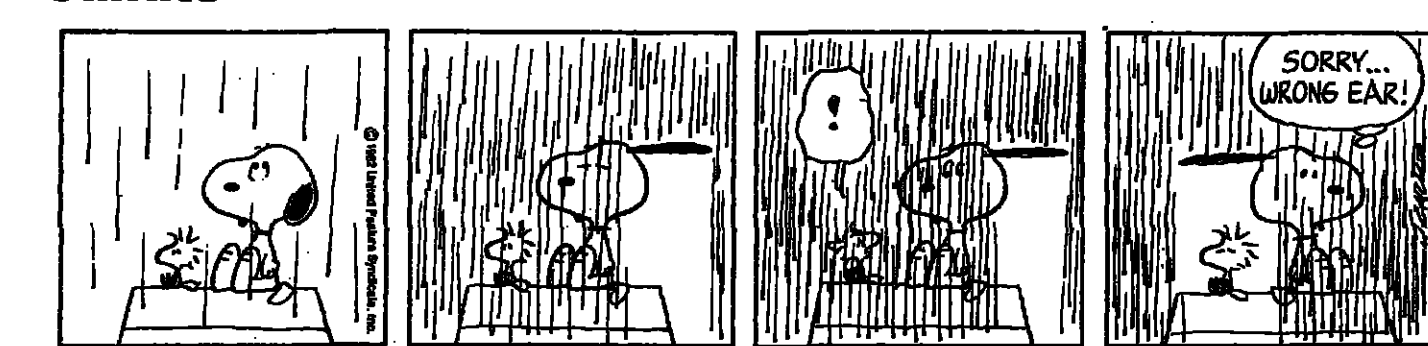
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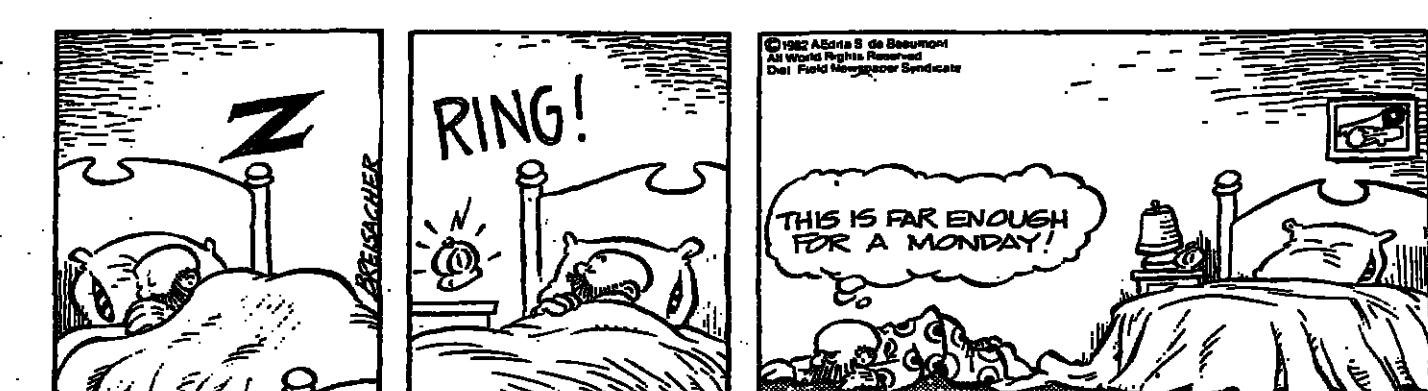
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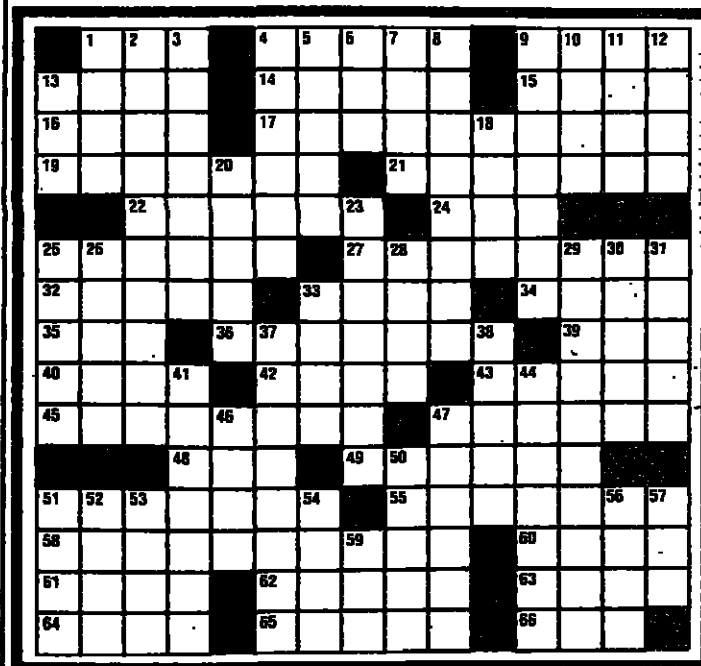
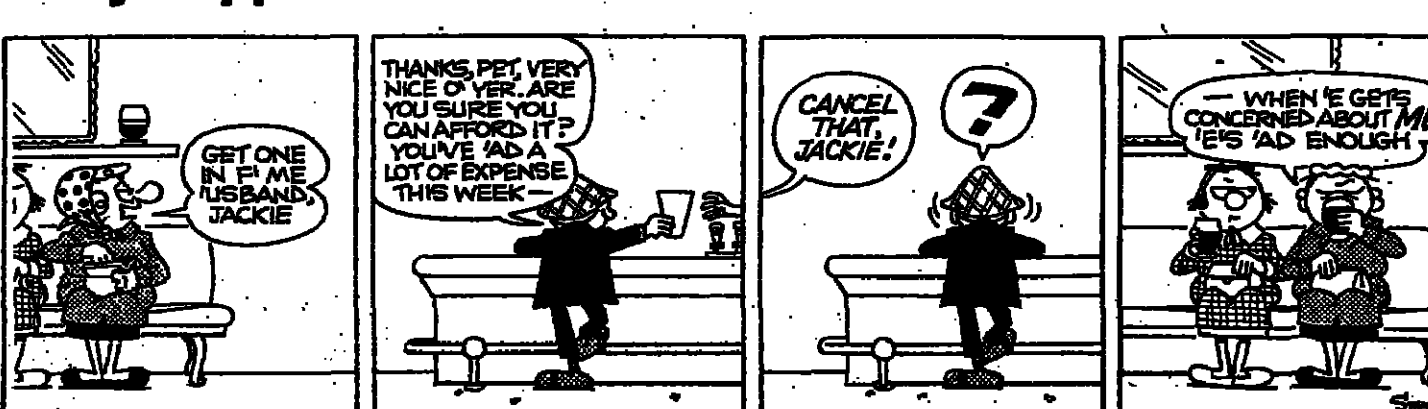
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WORLD

Evren calls Turks to unite in bid for speedy return to democracy

ANKARA (R) — Turkish President Gen. Kenan Evren made a strong appeal this weekend for reconciliation in the country as it moved from military rule towards the restoration of elected government.

In his first public appearances since his appointment as president and a new constitution were overwhelmingly approved in a national referendum two weeks ago, the general struck a conciliatory note that was in sharp contrast to his speeches before the vote.

President Evren, who has led the country since the military coup

in September 1980, has said that, barring unforeseen circumstances, general elections will be held under the new constitution next October.

On a tour of five Black Sea towns Saturday and Sunday, he abandoned the attacks on opponents of the military government which had characterised his pre-referendum appearances and instead appealed for political tolerance.

Change of dress

In Samsun, the president, wearing civilian clothes rather than his

customary general's uniform, said: "If we look with contempt on those who have political opinions different from our own, if we consider them enemies, then we will never be able to establish the real democratic system we all desire."

Sunday in Fatsa, a small town ruled before the coup by extreme leftists who called it a liberated area, Gen. Evren said: "Now we have a new road in front of us, a road of unity and togetherness."

He said the country should not forget the times before the coup, when every day up to 25 people were killed in political shootings

and bombings, but should concentrate on following what he called the right road to the future.

Although the constitution was heavily criticised before the referendum for framing a system which gave too much political power to the president and limited personal and political liberties, it was approved by a 91 per cent majority.

Gen. Evren said Sunday this was not a vote for him personally but a vote for peace and stability and added that anyone who pursued the violent ways of the past would be punished.

Greece protests planned Turkish military exercises

ATHENS (R) — Turkey is planning big military exercises in the Aegean Sea amid renewed tension in its long-standing territorial dispute with Greece, a usually well-informed Greek newspaper said Sunday.

The opposition daily Kathimerini said the previously unscheduled air and naval manoeuvres, code-named "Coral 82" would take place to the west and north-west of the Greek island of Lemnos.

The Greek navy had ordered a destroyer, a torpedo boat, as well as some smaller vessels, to sail

near the area to ensure there was no violation of Greek airspace or territorial waters, it said.

Kathimerini said the Turkish manoeuvres had been prompted by a fresh dispute over Lemnos, which caused the cancellation of a NATO exercise earlier this month.

The war games were called off after Greece refused to take part, because NATO military planners would not include Lemnos in the exercise area. Turkey says the island, 50 kilometres south-west of the Dardanelles, should be demilitarised.

Two days later Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu visited Lemnos to inspect military installations there, and Kathimerini said this had further angered Turkish leaders.

"The Turkish manoeuvres are a reply to Greece's decision to cancel the NATO exercises and to Papandreu's visit to Lemnos," it said.

The long-running dispute between the two NATO partners over territorial rights and airspace in the Aegean has weakened the

alliance's eastern flank.

Last July, the two countries agreed to halt provocative speeches and actions to facilitate a settlement, and their foreign ministers are due to meet in Brussels next month to begin conciliation talks.

But Kathimerini said the extent of the Turkish manoeuvres, and the fact that they were the first since the conflict last flared up three years ago, "confirm reports that their agreement to avoid provoking one another and start a dialogue has come to an end."

Germans put pressure on Buenos Aires

BUENOS AIRES (R) — Families of 50 West Germans and Argentines of West German descent have called on Argentina's military junta to report on the fate of their relatives missing during the armed forces' "dirty war" against leftist guerrillas in the late 1970's.

They made the appeal in a statement in the newspaper Clarin signed by 135 people including former West German Chancellor Willy Brandt, in his capacity as chairman of the country's Social Democratic Party.

Spain, France and Italy have made similar calls and have also published lists of their nationals who have disappeared in Argentina in recent years.

Red Brigades raid airport

ROME (R) — Two armed men stole weapons and ammunition after breaking into Rome's main military airport Saturday and Red Brigades guerrillas later claimed responsibility, police said.

A Defence Ministry statement said the men scaled a wall at Ciampino airport and forced two guards to hand over two automatic rifles and 10 rounds of ammunition.

European Community to discuss ties with Soviets

BRUSSELS (R) — European Community foreign ministers get their first chance to discuss the Soviet Union without Leonid Brezhnev at a two-day meeting opening here Monday.

The session will also be their first since President Reagan lifted his embargo nine days ago on equipment and technology for the Soviet natural gas pipeline from Siberia to Western Europe.

The formal agenda for the ministerial meeting is devoted mainly to trade issues and routine Common Market business.

Britain will reopen its demands for rebates on its Common Market budget payments, although with little prospect of a speedy conclusion to negotiations which have gone on for years.

The ministers will also be preparing for international trade talks in Geneva this week, against a background of growing pressure for protection against cheap imports.

Informally, they will discuss the latest world political developments. Diplomats said the future of East-West relations following post-Brezhnev Kremlin changes would top their list.

Several of the ministers went to Moscow last week for the funeral

of Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev.

In their discussions Monday and Tuesday they will be preparing for a European community summit in Denmark on Dec. 3 and 4.

Kremlin politics and East-West relations will also be a key subject at a North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) ministerial meeting in Brussels on Dec. 9 and 10.

The European Community is concerned both about trade with the Soviet Union, following the controversy over President Reagan's short-lived embargo on the Soviet gas pipeline, and about strategic questions.

But with the future policies of the new Soviet leadership still subject to speculation, diplomats said the 10 are likely to remain cautious for the time being.

On trade, Britain is asking for more protection against steel imports from outside the community. It also wants pressure put on Spain to lower customs tariffs on car imports, or face the threat of reprisals.

Cars made in Spain by Ford, General Motors and other companies are exported with only a four per cent tariff into Britain and the rest of the European Community.

MI5 reportedly led wild goose chase for 2 spies

LONDON (R) — Britain's domestic intelligence service, MI5, secretly investigated two of its most senior officers because it suspected they might be Soviet spies, the Sunday Times newspaper said Sunday.

Both were cleared, the newspaper said, and it quoted one of them, Graham Mitchell, former deputy director-general of MI5, as denying that he ever spied.

The Sunday Times was quoting a new book which it said relied on secret documents leaked by MI5 officers to the author, Nigel West. Mr. Mitchell was secretly followed for months in 1963, the report said. He was secretly filmed and his wastepaper basket was searched for incriminating clues.

The newspaper quoted Mr. Mitchell as saying he was hurt and shocked when he learned that his colleagues had investigated him. He was not, nor ever had been, a Soviet spy, he said.

The Sunday Times said it could not name the second former suspect because of a legal injunction granted by the high court to the

government's senior law officer, Attorney-General Sir Michael Havers.

Although the pair were cleared, the newspaper said it now appeared that the intelligence service, badly shaken by the defections to Moscow of Soviet spies Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean in 1951 and Kim Philby in 1963, had been even more split by doubts and dissenstion than previously thought.

The Sunday Times said Sir Michael Havers had agreed to lift an injunction stopping publication of the book, "A Matter of Trust — MI5's Operations 1945-1972" on condition that Nigel West made some 30 deletions from his original manuscript.

Mr. West wrote a previous book on the security services from 1909 to 1945.

Britain was shaken by its latest spy scandal earlier this month when former translator Geoffrey Prime was jailed for 35 years for passing secrets to Moscow from a top-secret British intelligence centre.

49 African states demand nuclear ban on S. Africa

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Forty-nine African countries have called for a ban on nuclear weapons in Africa and said South Africa's capacity to produce such weapons had been proved beyond all doubt.

Speaking on behalf of the African group, Kenyan delegate Philip Mbatia told a U.N. disarmament debate that the U.N. Security Council must prohibit all international cooperation with South Africa in nuclear matters.

Mr. Mbatia introduced two resolutions, one calling on the General Assembly to deplore "the massive build-up of South Africa's military machine, including its frenzied acquisition of a nuclear-weapon capability."

South Africa, which denies having a nuclear military capacity, has not taken part in the disarmament debate as it has been barred from participation in General Assembly affairs since 1974.

Nigerian delegate Gabriel Ijewere said Pretoria's ability to produce a nuclear weapon had been gained with Western and Israeli assistance and had been established "beyond all reasonable doubt."

U.N. officials said delegates to the debate would probably adopt the resolutions by big majorities.

The African drafts call on the Security Council to take more effective steps to stop South Africa acquiring military technology in the computer and electronics fields and demand that Pretoria submit its nuclear installations for inspection by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

Mr. Ijewere alleged that certain Western countries and Israel had not had any qualms in extending military and nuclear assistance to South Africa in pursuit of their economic interests and geopolitical designs.

Stalin's excesses left out of Soviet history

MOSCOW (R) — All mention of the mass purges carried out by dictator Josef Stalin has been cut out of a new edition of the standard encyclopedia on the Soviet Union just published here.

Stalin's purges, in which Western historians believe up to one million people were executed and millions more died in labour camps, were denounced in 1956 by a Communist Party resolution on the "cult of personality."

But since the early 1960s, the high point of criticism of Stalin, the dictator has been viewed more favourably and his mass killings have been little mentioned.

Now the authoritative one-volume encyclopedia of the Soviet Union has finally deleted all mention of the "serious violations of Socialist legality and mass repression" which occurred under Stalin in the 1930s.

In its last edition, published in 1979, the encyclopedia's section on Soviet history in the 1930s included a 54-line passage on the "cult of personality" which quoted directly from the party's 1956 critical verdict on Stalin.

The passage accused Stalin of

overestimating his own abilities and introducing a system of one-man rule.

By launching a mistaken call for a renewed class struggle in 1937, he laid the basis for "most serious violations of Socialist legality and mass repression against prominent party, state and military leaders," the 1979 edition said.

The 1982 edition leaves out this criticism altogether from its treatment of the 1930s. A nine-line paragraph which says the "cult of personality" could not change the nature of the Soviet system is moved to another section dealing with 1956.

One Soviet source said he was surprised by such a major revision of the history of the Stalin period, which would have been undertaken only under orders from the Communist Party central committee apparatus.

The new encyclopedia was prepared for publication last March with some sections updated in August, well before the death of Leonid Brezhnev and his replacement as Communist Party leader by Yuri Andropov.

Bad luck and Bonn's new toughness spell disaster for left-wing guerrillas

By Paul Taylor

BONN (R) — A mushroom-hunter stumbled on an underground arms cache in the woods outside Frankfurt and a month later West Germany's three most-wanted leftist urban guerrilla suspects were behind bars.

Luck played a vital role in putting police on the trail of the leaders of the Red Army Faction, (RAF) better known as the Baader-Meinhof gang, who were arrested in two separate operations in the last week.

The arrests, near Frankfurt and outside Hamburg, prompted much official jubilation, tinged with not a little relief.

For five years Christian Klar, 30, Adelheid Schulz, 27, and Brigitte Mohnhaupt, 33, wanted for a string of political killings that rocked West Germany in 1977, had been pursued by a vast posse of investigators.

They were sighted several times, photographed and bugged but never caught due to a mixture of bureaucracy, bungling and bad luck.

With their capture, and the discovery of major arms and explosives caches, Interior Minister Friedrich Zimmermann believes the group's logistic system has been largely smashed.

The Red Army Faction, second generation of the guerrilla organisation founded in the early 1970s by Andreas Baader and Ulrike Meinhof, seems to have been crippled, although some 20 lesser suspects are still on the run.

They were West Germany's most efficient remaining urban guerrillas, the only group capable of organising kidnappings, bank robberies or sophisticated bombings.

The Red Army Faction claimed responsibility for the 1977 killings of federal prosecutor Siegfried Buback, top banker Juergen Ponto and employers' leader Hanns-Martin Schleyer.

They also carried out a major bomb attack on U.S. air force

headquarters in Ramstein and a rocket and gun attack on the U.S. army commander in Europe, Gen. Frederick Kroesen, in Heidelberg last year.

Interior ministry officials say documents discovered at the woodland dumps where the three presumed leaders were caught showed the group was plotting new attacks on American targets and West German politicians.

Zimmermann takes all credit

Mr. Zimmermann asserts the successes are due to decisive action by the conservative-led Bonn government which he says raised police morale when it took office last month.

Aides say the minister cut through the red tape which in the past often meant that West Germany's different police and security services seemed to be working against rather than for each other.

But his critics say the trio were arrested as much by good fortune as good management.

The Federal Criminal Office's (BKA) sophisticated computer system that processed evidence, including psychological studies on the guerrillas' likely behaviour, was installed in the late 1970s under the previous left-liberal government.

The computers helped investigators decipher a coded plan of arms dumps found in the cache discovered by the Frankfurt mushroom-hunter, and led directly to Mr. Klar's arrest in the woods outside Hamburg.

BKA sources said police worked out a computer "psycho-gram" of Mr. Klar, which suggested he might act rashly or even give himself up once Miss Schulz, his long-time girlfriend, was arrested.

Though luck and long-laid preparations both played a part in trapping the three suspects, the new government did make its own contribution.

Mr. Zimmermann gave orders to grab any suspect as soon as he was sighted. His liberal party pre-

decessor, Gerhard Baum, had urged investigators to continue surveillance in the hope that it would turn up a bigger "catch."

Mr. Klar eluded arrest at least twice — in 1978, when he was photographed boarding a private helicopter for a reconnaissance flight over a top security jail, and in 1980 at a safe house in Hamburg.

The new interior minister has stressed that the danger of urban guerrilla violence is by no means over and the rumour of the Red Army Faction could still act in panic, or seek revenge.

Undiscovered cells abound

And police are having trouble in pinning down the "red cells" or "revolutionary cells" which they believe are behind most of 57 attacks on U.S. targets in West Germany so far this year.

Unlike the Baader-Meinhof guerrillas, who live a completely clandestine existence, these loosely-knit groups are made up of young left-wing extremists who often hold down ordinary daytime jobs, according to police intelligence.

These groups rarely claim responsibility for their attacks, which mainly involve using small bombs or incendiary devices against U.S. civilian and military targets.

They aim to intimidate by damaging property rather than killing or maiming, police say.

In recent months their main targets have been U.S. army housing communities in the Frankfurt area.

But the groups have also showed a degree of coordination that worries the authorities, staging 10 bombings in several areas last June on the eve of President Reagan's visit to West Germany.

Mr. Zimmermann says police will need to devise new tactics to combat what he calls "the new terrorism."

"The red cells are something completely different and we need to think up different methods to tackle them. The danger there is by no means removed," he said.

Election may not mitigate Irish Republic's economic mess

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DUBLIN — With the Irish Republic's third general election in 18 months set for this Wednesday, there are strong signs that a secure government needed to tackle daunting economic problems will not emerge.

The latest opinion polls suggest Prime Minister Charles Haughey's Fianna Fail Party will get 44 per cent of the vote, with Dr. Garret Fitzgerald's Fine Gael cutting 42 per cent and third-ranking Labour taking 10 per cent.

The most likely scenario, according to political commentators, is a Fine Gael-Labour coalition headed by Dr. Fitzgerald, a liberal intellectual.

But with inflation at 17 per cent annually, unemployment at 13 per cent and chronic foreign debts, the Irish Republic urgently needs firm and sustained corrective measures, according to political commentators.

Mr. Haughey's minority government collapsed on Nov. 4 on an opposition no-confidence motion when three parliamentarians of the left-wing-workers party rejected his plans to cut state spending and pay rises in a bid to stem the economic decline.

Old dose of austerity

Mr. Haughey unveiled in October an austerity plan similar in tone to one put forward by Dr. Fitzgerald last March. But like Dr. Fitzgerald, he fell from office when left-wingers refused to stomach the cuts.

The hitherto success story of the Irish economy, which led West Europe in growth rates for a long period, has turned sour with the world recession and unstable government has dogged politicians' efforts to halt the slide.

Spiralling budget deficits — this year's will top \$1 billion — led to foreign loans which now total \$6 billion in a nation of only 3.4 million people.

In the last parliament Fianna Fail had 80 seats, Fine Gael 64, Labour 14 and seven were held by fringe parties and independents. This time altogether 366 candidates are chasing the 165 seats in the Dail, or parliament, which will in turn choose a new taoiseach (prime minister).

Fianna Fail has the support of small farmers, still a big group in Ireland, while Fine Gael has the confidence of businessmen. Both are conservative, nationalist and rooted in the Irish independence struggle.

Both promise a similar brand of financial stringency in the face of the economic blight and the question is who can deliver.

According to fiery left-winger Bernadette Devlin, a Catholic social rights leader who rose to prominence in the late-1960s in Northern Ireland, neither can and the country is heading towards bankruptcy.

Now called Mrs. McAleiskey and standing as a Dublin independent, she says: "From our canvass we

have learnt that no-one believes that anyone likely to form the next government has a clue how to get us out of this position."

The three-week campaign has been lacklustre but it flared belatedly to life this week when Mr. Haughey accused Dr. Fitzgerald of collusion with the British over Northern Ireland.

The charge stemmed from Dr. Fitzgerald's advocacy of a joint police force and law court to help bring the British province and the republic closer and promote an eventual settlement.

Dr. Fitzgerald, who is tipped by bookmakers and opinion polls to oust Mr. Haughey, dismissed the collusion charge as "rubbish."

The affair marked the first surfacing of Northern Ireland as a major issue in campaigning, hitherto dominated by the economy.

Note of panic

Commentators said a note of panic appeared to be creeping into Fianna Fail campaigning this week

in response to indications that Mr. Haughey will do badly.

Anglo-Irish relations sank to a new low under Mr. Haughey and earlier this week he lashed out at the British government and media, accusing them of trying to help the Irish choose a government.

The British media have certainly made no secret of their view that Dr. Fitzgerald would be the more acceptable prime minister.

The contrasting personalities of the two party leaders are central to the election result.

Dr. Fitzgerald is a liberal intellectual and linguist. Mr. Haughey is a self-made millionaire with property interests who owns a private island and helicopter. Asked last week what he felt about lagging severely behind Dr. Fitzgerald in personal popularity — polls give him around 35 per cent of voter support against 50 per cent for his opponent — the prime minister snapped: "This is not a beauty contest, this is an election."

NEWS IN BRIEF

2 ex-hostages have no bad feelings against Iranians

WIESBADEN, West Germany (R) — Two of the 52 Americans who were held captive for 11 months in the U.S. embassy in Tehran said they felt no animosity toward the Iranian people. William Keough, 52, who was the superintendent of the American school in Tehran, said: "I have no anger or ill-feeling against the Iranians as a nation, only against those who were misguided enough to keep U.S. citizens in violation of international law." Retired Col. Tom Schaefer, who was defence attache at the embassy when it was seized by militant Iranian students, also said he harboured no animosity or hatred against Iran.

Irish politician calls duke 'a British spy'

DUBLIN (R) — Irish Prime Minister Charles Haughey has accused opposition leader Garret Fitzgerald of discussing Britain's policies in Northern Ireland with a "trained British spy". Mr. Haughey, fighting to recover his popularity in the run-up to general elections next Wednesday, claimed the spy was the duke of Norfolk, with whom Dr. Fitzgerald had lunch earlier this year.

Mr. Haughey said the duke had exchanged views on the new political assembly in Northern Ireland and said: "It is nonsense for him to say I am a British spy." Mr. Haughey told a news conference the duke, a member of the British House of Lords, was an intelligence chief in Britain's ministry of defence until his retirement in 1967. "The duke has been presented as just a harmless landed gentleman," Mr. Haughey said. "It now appears that he has played a fairly prominent part in British military intelligence."

World population reaches 4.508 billion

UNITED NATIONS (R) — The population of the world by the middle of last year was 4.508 billion, according to the latest United Nations report. This was an increase of 76 million over the middle of 1980, when the figure was 4.432 billion. Asia was by far the most populous continent, containing some 2.625 billion people or almost 60 per cent of the world's inhabitants; the report said. Europe and Africa were the next most populous, with 483 million and 484 million people respectively. North America had 311 million people and South America 246 million. Oceania, which includes Australia, New Zealand and numerous small islands in the Pacific ocean, contained only 23 million people, it said. The report counted the Soviet Union's population separately as 268 million.

Neapolitan crime rate goes up

NAPLES (R) — Despite a recent truce between warring clans in Naples, the number of violent deaths in Italy's problem city has soared to a new record. Official figures released recently show the 250 murders have been committed in Naples so far this year, a 20 per cent increase on 1981. Police officials told reporters that one of the most worrying aspects of this year's statistics was the rapidly falling age of those convicted of homicide. The figures showed that drug-dealing and counterfeiting had increased while the level of theft, fraud and extortion had remained steady and pickpocketing declined.

Emmy winners named today

NEW YORK (R) — Television programmes ranging from a Japanese documentary about a set of quintuplets to an Australian show about fashions will vie for the 10th annual International Emmy awards Monday. Programmes from 19 countries are competing for the International Emmys, the television equivalent of the cinema industry's Oscars. They will be presented to winners in documentary, drama, performing arts, and popular arts categories. The television industry will also present its 1982 founder's award to American Michael Landon, best known for his 14 years on Bonanza, the family saga set in the early American West. The other individual award, "for significant personal executive achievement" — will go to Aldo Morita, co-founder of the Sony Corporation.

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